

under EPA's control. These policies have hit pocketbooks, paychecks, and families.

House Republicans have advanced hundreds of solutions that will help get America back to work.

Madam Speaker, we are 5 years into this administration, and it is no longer anything but a joke to blame President Bush for these challenges in our economic workplace. We need the Senate and the President to join us in providing solutions so we can create freedom so Americans can get back to work.

HOUSE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, every American family has to live within its means. It is time for Washington to do the same.

The House Republican budget deals with our debts and builds an economy that rewards Americans who work hard and want to get ahead.

I support the conservative budget for three simple reasons: the plan balances the budget within 10 years, cuts wasteful government spending over 10 years by \$5.1 trillion, and pays down the national debt.

In addition, the Republican budget proposal grows the economy, repeals ObamaCare, strengthens Medicare, secures Social Security for the long term, simplifies the broken Tax Code, promotes American energy production, and enhances national and diplomatic security.

In contrast, President Obama's budget never balances, hikes taxes by \$1.8 trillion, and adds \$8.3 trillion more to the national debt of \$17.5 trillion.

My constituents know that we can't afford more of the same Big Government spending that has buried our economy and our country in debt.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the House Republican budget and getting our Nation's fiscal house in order.

BUDGETING FOR MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, budgets don't heal the sick or solve centuries-long medical challenges, but the programs budgets prioritize can.

In my district in Louisville, Kentucky, medical researchers at the University of Louisville and the Frazier Rehab Institute have made an incredible breakthrough. Thanks to an electronic implant that stimulates the spinal cord, four paralyzed men are now moving their legs on command. With continued therapy, they are confident they will walk again.

The Human Locomotor Research Center in Louisville is funded in part

through investments made by the National Institutes of Health. More than 80 percent of NIH funding goes to the broader research community, fueling the innovation that makes breakthroughs like those in Louisville possible.

The Republican budget reduces the number of new NIH grants by 1,400, on top of hundreds of projects NIH has already had to turn down because of last year's reckless, across-the-board spending cuts.

Madam Speaker, when you see a man paralyzed for years lift his legs, you can't help but share in the enthusiasm for breaking boundaries we once thought impassible. But if we approve this Republican budget and these cuts, we extinguish that enthusiasm and the hopes of millions of families waiting for the next medical breakthrough.

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CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR THEIR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES

(Mr. COURTNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, the State of Connecticut is bursting with Huskie pride this morning as the UConn men and the UConn women basketball teams did what was, I think, almost unimaginable: they both won a national championship.

It would be great to stand here today and talk about how the women accomplished a perfect season and beat a team that was undefeated until last night, or the men, who defied every pundit, every odds-maker, every NCAA know-it-all and again won the national championship against all odds.

But I want to really focus for a second on the fact that Geno Auriemma, his women's program over the years has almost a perfect graduation rate in terms of the women who have played in that program.

And Kevin Ollie has three dean's list players on the starting five. His all-star, Shabazz Napier, is going to graduate with a full degree. He is an amazing person, and I am glad the country got a chance to see him.

I want to conclude by reading his final comment that he said to the press the other night:

Basketball is second to me. I want them to be better people once they leave Storrs campus. If I did that, forget about the wins and losses, national championships, all that stuff, I think I've done my job.

Coach Ollie, Coach Auriemma, you have done your job. We are so proud of you.

Go, Huskies.

WOMEN DESERVE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

(Ms. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge as a simple fact that women deserve equal pay for equal work. Same job, same experience, same pay. But that is not happening.

On the aggregate, women earn just 77 cents on the dollar. For African American women, it is only 64 cents, and for Latinas, it is a staggering 54 cents on the dollar for every dollar earned by white men, white non-Hispanic men doing the same job.

As we know, the consequences are great. These pay gaps translate into a loss for African American women of more than \$18,000 a year, and for Latinas, more than \$24,000 a year that they lose to this pay gap.

Families increasingly rely on women's wages to make ends meet. The pay gap is about our Nation's overall economy, and it is about women's retirement security.

The fact is that when women succeed, America succeeds, and it is time to address the pay and work-family balance disparities that affect women.

Some have said that the argument for equal pay for equal work is politics.

Well, Madam Speaker, it is not. It is about pay.

It is time for 25 courageous Republicans to step up and join 197 Democrats to end wage discrimination and give women what women have earned: equal pay for equal work.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 9, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 9, 2014 at 9:48 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment. H. Con. Res. 90.

Appointments:
International conferences.
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which